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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 are currently pending.

Claims 1 to 26 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution.

Accordingly, Applicant elects Invention I without traverse. Applicant believes claims 1 to 11 are readable thereon, and accordingly cancels claims 12 to 26.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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